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In re Patent Application of:  
Dorothea LAMPE et al.

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For: METHOD FOR STATISTICAL  
MULTIPLEXING OF ATM LINKS

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 2, 2003 (Paper No. 16), for which a response is due on January 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.